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## News Release

### Is Your Child's Car Seat Safe?

(Farmington, Utah) – Davis County SAFE Kids Coalition reminds everyone the goal of

National Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 8-14, is that all children should be placed in child safety seats, booster seats or seatbelts, each time they ride in a car, van, or truck.

To celebrate, the Davis County SAFE Kids Coalition is holding a free car seat education class in association with Wee Care Pediatrics at Davis Hospital and Medical Center (1600 West Antelope, Layton, Room 1) on Thursday, Feb. 12, 7-8 p.m. Car seat safety information about selecting and installing the correct car seat for your child will be covered. A free booster seat will be given to each of the first 15 people to arrive who have children meeting booster seat requirements (between 40-80 lbs.). Light refreshments will be available.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the coalition hosts a free car seat safety check at the Clearfield Fire Department (55 South State, Clearfield), 4-6 p.m. Trained experts will provide information on proper installation, recalled models, and conduct seatbelt inspections on each car seat. Parents should bring their vehicle, owner's manual, car seat, instructions, and the child that uses the seat.

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According to Lewis Garrett, Davis County Health Department director, "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 14 and under. Nearly 1,600 children ages 14 and under die in motor vehicle crashes each year and close to 228,000 children are injured."

"Child safety seats and seatbelts, when used properly, can save lives," Garrett said. "I encourage all drivers that have children to participate in the Davis County SAFE Kids Coalition free car seat education class and car seat safety check. It could save your child's life."

For more information, call Teresa Smith at (801) 451-3586.

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